

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 5, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. YULEE made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of John H. Williams, report:

That this is a claim for extra compensation. The petitioner was a private in the marine corps, and was detailed for duty as an assistant schoolmaster on board the ship to which he was attached. It appears by the following official letter from the Fourth Auditor, that the petitioner was permitted to act as schoolmaster "at his own request and for his own accommodation, the service being easier than his regular duty as a drummer in the marine corps." The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the claim.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Fourth Auditor's Office, January 22, 1848.

SIR: I have the honor to return the memorial of John H. Williams, with the accompanying papers, and to inform you that since it was received I have consulted with Commodore Skinner, under whose command the duty in question was performed, who states that the vessel not being entitled to a schoolmaster, Williams was permitted to act as such at his own request and for his own accommodation, the service being easier than his regular duty as a drummer in the marine corps. It is manifest, therefore, that he has no equitable claim to the difference of compensation which he asks.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. O. DAYTON.

To the Hon. D. L. YULEE,
*Chairman of the Committee on Naval
Affairs, United States Senate.*

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To the Hon. ...

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